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Ferrie Blamed JFK For Cuban Fiasco

The States-Item National Service reports that records on deposit in the National Archieves explain how David William Ferrie became entangled in the investigation of President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

A statement by the Federal Bureau of Investigation said that Ferrie admitted to agents that he had been critical of the lack of air cover for Cuban exiles in the Bay of Pigs, and had blamed President Kennedy "publicly and privately."

ACCORDING TO the statement, Ferrie told FBI agents he had used expressions like "he (the president) ought to be shot," but emphasized that he didn't mean it literally.

Ferrie, according to documents available in Washington, was originally linked to the investigation by Jack S. Martin, who began trying to reach assistant district attorney Herman Kohlman on the night of Nov. 22.

Kohlman and subsequently the FBI had been told that Ferrie had been in the Moisant squadron of the Civil Air Patrol with Lee Harvey Oswald, that Ferrie had taught Oswald how to shoot with a telescopic sight and that the two had plotted the Kennedy assassination.

FERRIE'S alleged role was to fly the getaway plane for Oswald. A licensed pilot, Ferrie formerly was employed by Eastern Airlines and owned his own blue and white Stinson monoplane.

When Ferrie could not be found in New Orleans the night of Nov. 22, 1963, Kohlman and the FBI became interested in him and the district attorney's office began searching the city for him.

A few hours after the Kennedy assassination, Ferrie and two young male companions, apparently unaware that Ferrie was being sought, decided to drive to Houston and Galveston in Ferrie's 1961 blue station wagon.

THE TRIO registered at the Ala Motel in Houston at 4:30 a. m. Nov. 23. At 11 p. m. they reached Galveston and registered at the Driftwood Motel. At Houston, they apparently had some discussion over the possibility of purchasing an ice skating rink, and they combined that business with a goose-hunting expedition.

According to the statement, Ferrie made four long distance calls from Houston to New Orleans—including calls to radio stations WSHO and WDSU.

The purpose of the calls was not explained.

Ferrie and his companions returned to New Orleans at 9:30 p. m. Nov. 24. Ferrie, apparently aware that he was wanted after a call to G. Wray Gill, for whom he had worked as an investigator, left for Hammond about midnight and stayed at the Holloway Smith Hall at Southeastern Louisiana College.

THE NEXT DAY, however, he returned to New Orleans and, accompanied by Gill, appeared at the district attorney's office, where he was questioned and booked. In separate oral and written statements to the FBI Ferrie denied he had ever known Oswald.

He also said that he had not been in Dallas in "eight or 10 years."

Ferrie denied any involvement in firearms instructions and said that his plane had not been airworthy since 1962.

FERRIE, likewise, denied that he had ever met performer Bill De Mar, who was doing a mind-reading act at Jack Ruby's Dallas night club the week of the assassination and he denied knowing Ruby as well. He said he had never flown Oswald to Cuba, Dallas or anywhere else.

In following up the Ferrie lead, the FBI interviewed more than a dozen persons whose names had come up, including Martin.

On questioning by the FBI, Martin disavowed entirely his story and told agents he had made up the story after seeing newspaper and television reports.

On the basis of this information, the FBI report stated, "the investigation involving David William Ferrie will be closed."

Libya, which has large deposits of oil, is experiencing inflation. Last year butter rose to a high of $1 a pound, coffee $1.63 a pound, and a four-course meal in a good hotel cost $9.